

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-41. (Canceled)

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) A method for formatting a document for presentation on an output device comprising:

interrogating the output device to determine a set of capabilities of the output device in response to a request for the document;

generating a style sheet based upon the set of capabilities of the output device determined by interrogating the output device; and

formatting the document for presentation on the output device using the style sheet.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein generating a style sheet is performed using a general purpose layout generator adapted for use with a plurality of documents.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein generating a style sheet is performed using a layout generator designed only for use with the document.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein the style sheet is external to the document.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein the style sheet is embedded in the document.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein generating a style sheet comprises selecting a style definition which defines a format value for a format property, the format value supported by the set of capabilities of the output device.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a style sheet used to format a document for presentation on an output device comprising:

interrogating the output device to determine a set of capabilities of the output device in response to a request for the document; and

based upon the set of capabilities of the output device determined by interrogating the output device, generating a style sheet having a plurality of style definitions for formatting the document for presentation on the output device.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, further comprising:  
embedding the generated style sheet in the document.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein the generated style sheet is external to the document.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein generating a style sheet comprises:

selecting a style sheet from a plurality of style sheets.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein each of the style definitions assigned a format value to a format property, and wherein generating a style sheet having a plurality of style definitions comprises generating a plurality of style definitions with format values supported by the set of capabilities of the output device.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein the document is a generalized markup language document.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein interrogating the output device is performed using a layout generator.